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In re Application of:

Michael S. H. CHU et al.

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS

FOR GUIDING A NEEDLE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action dated February 9, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this Amendment.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this Amendment.